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1. STATE AND DEFENSE APPRECIATE INFO CONTAINED REFTEL AND WELCOME CESEDEN STUDY AND PROPOSED TRIP TO US AS MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN SPANISH THINKING RE NATO. BY NOTE OF AUGUST 13 TO SPANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WE HAVE AUTHORIZED AND WELCOMED THIS VISIT. THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 10 OF REFTEL, WHICH INFO ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO ADDRESS AT THEIR DISCRETION.

2. VISITS BY STUDY GROUP IN EUROPE: WE AGREE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME CESEDEN MEMBERS VISIT EUROPEAN SITES, BUT INITIATIVE SHOULD BE LEFT TO SPANISH OFFICIALS. OUR SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE THAT SUCH VISIT INCLUDE BRUSSELS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT MEETINGS AT NATO AND SACEUR, AND ALSO WITH APPROPRIATE BELGIAN OFFICIALS. IF TIME PERMITTED, GROUP COULD THEN VISIT GERMANY, PERHAPS VISITING NATO HQ UNDER NON-US COMMAND PLUS BONN AND STUTTGART (EUCOM). WHILE IT IS LIKELY SPANISH PLANNERS

WOULD CONSIDER VISIT TO FRANCE, THIS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THEM TO WORK OUT. OTHER EUROPEAN LOCATIONS MIGHT ALSO BE OF INTEREST, DEPENDING ON LIST OF TOPICS DEVELOPED BY SPANISH, FOR EXAMPLE, NAPLES.

3. SUBJECTS WHICH CESEDEN STUDY SHOULD ADDRESS: WE AGREE WITH THOUGHT IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR STUDY TO BE BROADLY CONCEIVED, SO THAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AS WELL AS MILITARY ASPECTS ARE CONSIDERED. OUR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW:

A. PURPOSE, STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF NATO AS MAJOR ATLANTIC SECURITY AND CONSULTATIVE INSTITUTION.

B. PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUAL ALLIES IN NAC, MILITARY COMMITTEE AND OTHER NATO ORGANS, INCLUDING STRUCTURAL LINKAGES BETWEEN NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND NATO AND FINANCIAL COSTS/BENEFITS.
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C. CONTENT AND RATIONALE OF NATO DEFENSE PLANNING CONCEPTS IN LIGHT OF SOVIET/WARSAW PACT THREATS.

D. FRAMEWORK AND CONTENT OF POLITICAL CONSULTATION PROCESS -- CSCE, MBFR, ETC.

E. FRAMEWORK AND CONTENT OF SCIENTIFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND

OTHER NON-MILITARY PROGRAMS -- CCMS, ETC.

4. PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF VISIT TO US: ON ASSUMPTION THAT GROUP WOULD ARRIVE ON A WEEKEND, WE COULD OFFER TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON, (29-30 NOV) TWO DAYS ELSEWHERE, (1-2 DEC), A FINAL SESSION IN WASHINGTON (3 DEC), SATURDAY FOR TOURISM, AND DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY.

A. THE TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON COULD INCLUDE JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE WELCOME AND ORIENTATION (PERHAPS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, SENIOR FLAG OFFICER LEVEL) FOLLOWED BY MORE DETAILED PRESENTATIONS BY APPROPRIATE OFFICE DIRECTORS OR DEPUTY DIRECTORS. TO ELICIT MORE CANDID GIVE-AND-TAKE, WE WOULD TRY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS AT WORKING LEVEL AS WELL.

B. NEXT TWO DAYS OR SO COULD INCLUDE VISIT/BRIEFINGS AT SACLANT AND OTHER MILITARY FACILITIES.

C. WRAP-UP SESSION IN WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY MAY SEEM

REPETITIOUS BUT WE WOULD WANT OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS AND CORRECT ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS BEFORE GROUP DEPARTS. THIS WOULD ALSO PERMIT GROUP TO ENJOY UNSCHEDULED SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON.

5. MISSION SHOULD CONFIRM AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY THAT GOS WILL BEAR ALL DIRECT COSTS FOR ITS PERSONNEL, FOR TRAVEL, LODGING AND OTHER EXPENSES, AS IS NORMALLY THE CASE FOR SUCH SELF-INITIATED VISITS FROM ALLIED AND FRIENDLY FORCES.

6. THESE PRELIMINARY IDEAS ARE INTENDED TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE RATHER THAN DEFINITIVE AND WE AWAIT EMBASSY REPORTING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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